

WILL ISSUE 6c AIR IN COILS

W. Schumann, Linn's NYC Representative Is Visitor In Sidney

Besides wanting a breath of fresh air and to escape the heat of New York City for a couple days, Walter Schumann who represents Linn's Weekly Stamp News in the Metropolitan area visited Sidney, Ohio, the home office of the publication on Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24th.

After looking over the commodious offices of the publication in the News Building, opposite the Court House on the public Square, Mr. Schumann consulted with the publishing staff in regard to fall and winter plans.

He was entertained at the home of the publisher. Saturday evening Mr. Schumann, together with Mrs. Hazel Morgan, the daughter of Mr. Linn and his first assistant on the staff, together with Mrs. Linn and the boss, journeyed to Lima, Ohio, a neighboring city and had a splendid dinner at the new Elks Club in Lima, one of the finest in the country. Returning home later in the evening the party stopped at the Sidney Moose Club which is a Country Club with a beautiful nine hole golf course. Here a summer night dance was in progress.

Sunday was spent in enjoying the cool yard at the Linn residence and a steak dinner, steak broiled on an open charcoal burning fire place in the yard, was served before train time in the afternoon. If you have never eaten a juicy steak broiled over a charcoal fire in the open, you are still missing something you would always remember.

Mr. Schumann left for New York late Sunday afternoon with regret that the time had passed so quickly. Walter had a wee taste of life in the smaller communities and doubtless Pat Herst at Sruh Oak could also tell the cliff dwellers in New York about the pleasures of life in the small spots throughout our country. We live in the wide open spaces and we are not fenced in. Come out and see us some time.

It Happened Again, Another Postponement

Once again the long awaited and oft promised helicopter mail service for the Chicago area has been postponed.

It was to have begun on July 23 with a round trip schedule between the main post office and the municipal airport.

The new date for the beginning of the service has now been set for August 20.

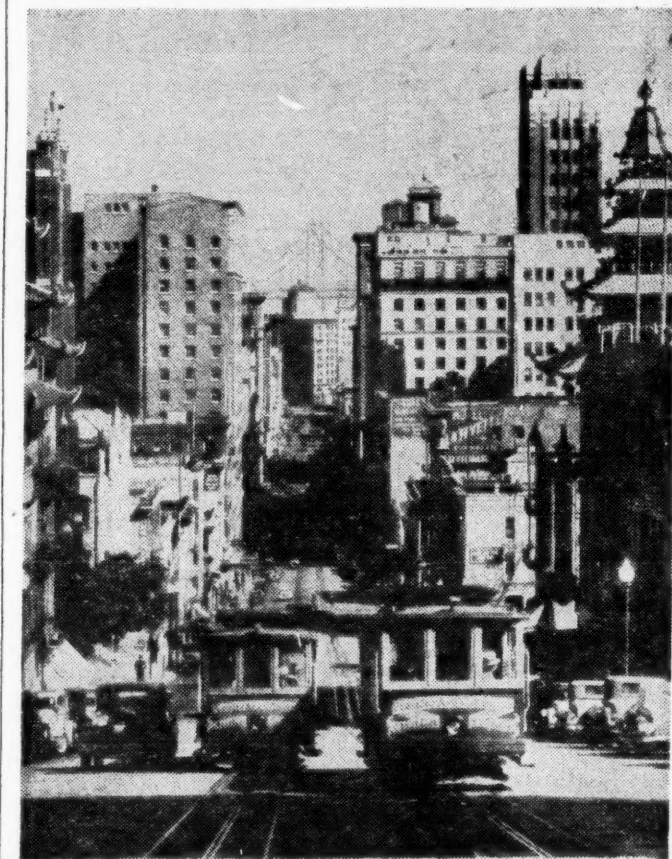
Collectors who have sent their covers for the cachet announced for the first flight on this branch of the service will have to wait until after the later date for the return of their covers.

According to Acting Postmaster John Haderlein of the Chicago post office, notice was received that the Helicopter Air Service, Inc. asked for a postponement of the first flight due to a strike at the Bell Aircraft Corp. plant at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

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ONE OF THE MANY FAMILIAR SCENES IN SAN FRANCISCO to greet the visitors to the 55th annual convention and exhibition of the Society of Philatelic Americans from August 18 to 21 is the one above. It pictures two of the famous cable cars on one of the very steep hills of the city. In the background at the end of the street is the Oakland Bay Bridge and the water front. The exhibition and convention is under the sponsorship of the California Collectors Club and is to be held at the Hotel Whitcomb.

Californians Going All Out To Make 55th Annual SPA Convention At San Francisco Best One Ever

When the 55th annual convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans is convened in the Hotel Whitcomb in San Francisco from August 18 to 20, the visiting officers, delegates and stamp collectors will be treated to one of the most elaborately planned events in West Coast history.

While cosmopolitan San Francisco by its very nature and location is a mecca for tourists and travellers, it offers unending opportunity for all who pause by the Golden Gates to enjoy its beauty and attractions. What with its bridges, cable cars, Chinatown, parks, museums and restaurants it offers many opportunities for the visitor "to get out and see things."

The Whitcomb Hotel has adequate facilities to accommodate the convention. It is ideally situated just one block from famous "Civic Center," birthplace of the United Nations. Quite in keeping with the historical significance of the city, Hotel Whitcomb once served as the city hall of San Francisco, just after the great fire of 1906. However, since that time it has been completely modernized and improved, until today it ranks as one of San Francisco's finest.

The entertainment committee has plans for the "widows" and others who would like to see and to enjoy the beauty of the city.

On the night of August 18th, at the officers club of the San Francisco Naval Shipyard, an "open-house-get acquainted cocktail party and buffet supper," is planned.

Too often conventions come and go and many of the delegates do not meet and chat with other delegates as they had hoped to. It is C. C. C.'s intention to correct this condition on the opening day so that all may enjoy friendship to the utmost.

However, it is not the intention

of the California Collectors Club to bask in the glory of the city's scenic attractions, for plans are being formulated to make this the most outstanding exhibition and convention San Francisco, has ever enjoyed.

Several hundred new exhibition frames have been built just to house the many fine displays of stamps, covers and philatelic material which is already in San Francisco and awaiting mounting. It is the intention of the exhibition committee to have material shown which will have an appeal to all classes of collectors from the veriest novice to the specialist of many years standing.

A number of valuable trophies have been promised to the convention committee. These for the most part are sponsored by some of the officers and members of the SPA itself.

Among the trophies are to be found the President and Vice-President cups donated by Hil F. Best and Ignatz Reiner who hold those respective offices. Re-

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Post Office Department Names August 25 First Day Of Issue; Washington, D. C., First Day City

The current small sized 6c airmail stamp will appear in coil form and have its first day of issuance on August 25 in Washington, D. C. It has been expected that the stamp would appear in this form before the end of the current year since the 1947 5c airmail stamp of the same design which it replaced had appeared in coil form and had a wide usage. The greatest sale for the coil form of the airmail stamp occurs in the various automatic stamp vending machines found in the lobbies of local post offices.

The Post Office Department has announced that it will service first day covers of the stamp at the Washington, D. C. post office on the first day of August 25. The following directions were published by the Department for the guidance of cover fans in the official bulletin announcing the stamp.

"Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations of the 6-cent coil stamp on August 25 may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of 10, to the Postmaster, Washington 13, D. C., with postal note or money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed.

"Postage stamps and personal checks will not be accepted in payment.

"Envelopes submitted should be of ordinary letter size and each must be properly addressed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in.

"An outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers."

"Collectors should refrain from requesting hand cancellations since covers will be machine-cancelled as far as practicable. "Orders for first-day covers must not include requests for uncancelled stamps."

The stamp will go on sale at the Philatelic Agency on the first day of issue, but collectors will not be able to buy them on that date or later in a selected condition. They must be taken as they run from the coil. This has been the established practice of the Agency in respect to coil stamps for the past few years.

Perforations will run horizontally with the design and will be 10 gauge. The stamps as they are sold will have the design appear vertically, that is, on its side.

Also expected before then end of the year are booklets of the 6c airmail stamp, and 6c airmail envelopes.

But Five GAR Vets At Final Encampment

When the final encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic takes place at Indianapolis Ind. from August 28 to September 1, but five of the remaining 17 members of the organization will attend.

And these five will have the best of everything from modern transportation to super-service in the hotels.

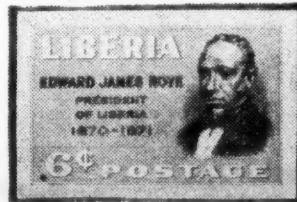
Two of the attendees will come by plane, and on top of that, the "now coming in to its own" television will be used to picture the event to the nation.

The two coming by plane are James A. Hard, 198, of Rochester, N. Y. and Charles L. Chappel, 101, of Long Beach, Calif.

Health permitting these three men have also indicated that they will be present. They are Theodore Penland, 100, of Portland, Ore. who will preside over the final campfire, Hiram R. Gale, 102, of Seattle, Wash. 1948 commander in chief and Joseph Clovesse, 102, Pontiac, Mich. the only negro remaining in the "Army."

Liberia Issues More Stamps In Prexy Set

Liberia released the balance of its Presidential series of stamps, except one value, on July 21 and 22. The first day occurred simultaneously in Liberia and at the Liberian Philatelic Agency, New York City.



First stamp in the series was released in November of 1948—a 1c value which carried the portrait of President Joseph Jenkins Roberts.

The balance of the set as issued is:—2c Stephen Benson; 3c Daniel B. Warner; 4c James S. Payne; 5c Executive Mansion; 6c Edward James Royce; 8c Hilary R. W. Johnson; 9c Joseph J. Cheesman; 10c William David Coleman; 15c Garretson W. Gibson; 20c Arthur Barclay; 25c Daniel B. Howard; 50c Charles D. B. King and \$1 Edwin Barclay.

There is also a 25c airmail stamp which has a portrait of William V. S. Tubman.

In approximately two months, the final value of the set a 7c stamp with a picture of Presidents Gardner and Russell will be released.

Address of the Liberian Philatelic Agency is 25 Beaver St., New York 4, N. Y. The Liberian dollar is equal to the United States dollar.

Canadian P. O. Permits Payments To Japan

The Canadian Post Office Department has announced that it is now possible to send checks, drafts, payment orders or other credit or financial instruments to Japan.

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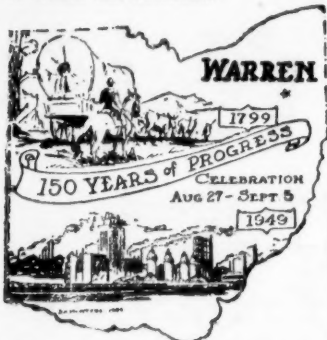
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To get the cachet, collectors need but remit only 10c per cover. The club will supply the envelopes with the cachet, the addressing and the stamp.

The names and the addresses to whom the covers are to go must be included with the payment for the covers.

Requests are to be directed to Warren Stamp Club, Box 1404, Warren, Ohio and must be received by the club before August 25.

Admiral Harris Dies On July 20

One of the best known figures of the stamp world, Admiral Frederic R. Harris, was called by death on July 20. His age was 74.

Admiral Harris had served in many important positions in the stamp collecting hobby. Among the offices he had held was that of chairman of the judges for CIPEX in 1947, and director of the Collectors' Club.

His philatelic interests were centered in stamps of the Italian States, Lombardy-Venetia Hawaii and the United States.

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Arkansa Village, A Pioneer Post Office

by W. L. Dodds

Of all those old memory towns of which every state has its share, I think Arkansas Post should be No. 1, hands down, in the state of Arkansas. It was not the first post office in the state. Davidsonville preceded it by one month.

But to go back, Chevalier Henri De Tonti in 1686 went down the Mississippi River expecting to meet the ships of La Salle. However, La Salle's expedition missed the mouth of the river and was wrecked along the coast of Texas.

De Tonti, discouraged, turned back up the river and at the mouth of the Arkansas decided to visit his old friends the Kappas, an Indian tribe that lived in the vicinity. This tribe was called "Arkansa" by Marquette who was a student of Illinois languages.

The French were so well pleased with the neighborhood that several of De Tonti's men wished to remain and establish a post. De Tonti gave his permission and six Frenchmen remained and built a house and surrounded it with stakes.

Thus, in 1686 the first white settlement was made in what is now the state of Arkansas.

Since that date the old Post of the Arkansas, tho' the exact location may have moved some, according to the whims of the river, has made two centuries of history and died. It has seen four flags fly above it, the Scarlet and Yellow of Spain, the Tri-color of France, our own Stars and Stripes and the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy.

The Indians for sixscore years came bringing their bundles of furs to exchange for bright calicoes, powder and ball. Great flat boats and keel boats loaded with furs slipped down the Arkansas out on the Mississippi and on to New Orleans to return loaded with merchandise from far away France, Spain and New England.

In 1812 when the Territory of Orleans was admitted to the union as a state bearing the name of Louisiana, the name Louisiana Territory was changed to Territory of Missouri and six districts were formed. The Village of Arkansas, as Arkansas Post was then called, was made the seat of justice for an area almost as large as the present state.

On July 4, 1819, Arkansas Post became the seat of justice for the new Arkansas Territory. However, the capital was moved to Little Rock in 1821, thereby sounding the death knell for the old post as an important town in the state tho' it was to remain for many years a thriving river port until the railroads made the river traffic no longer necessary.

But like all good soldiers, the Post really died in battle. At the opening of the year 1863 Fort Hindman at Arkansas Post was manned by 4,000 men under General

T. J. Churchill. On January 10 the fort was attacked by General McClelland with a land force of 20,000 and Admiral Porter with nine gunboats and 85 transports. The fort held for nearly two days under a constant barrage from both land and the river and was forced to surrender. The town had almost been cleaned from the bank of the river by the shells of the gunboats.

After that, Arkansas Post, like one of the old veterans, lived on many years but actually it lived only in the past. With the coming of railroads its usefulness as a shipping point was over and its proud days were gone.

Last year I visited the old site. The old brick walks are now a couple of feet beneath the soil and nothing remains of the old town except a few broken bricks and two rusty old iron doors from the bank there. Even the river that once made a bend in to meet the town has gone and left the place to its memories. Tall trees stand where the gunboats took up their position some ninety odd years ago.

Now as to Postal History. A post office was established there in July 1817 under the name Arkansas, Missouri Territory and Eli J. Lewis was named as first postmaster. In 1819 it became Arkansas, Ark. Territory and in December 1831 was changed to Arkansas Post, Ark. Territory.

When Arkansas became a state in 1836 it was necessary to change again and it became Arkansas Post, Arkansas, and continued thus until April 1934 when the office was discontinued. It was re-established in October 1939 in a log cabin lodge erected by the State Park Commission and lived again for awhile only to be once more discontinued.

So for the Postal History student there are at least six basic postal markings possible. One authority says that the form "Arkansa" was used by the P. O. Department for the first seven years and then changed to "Arkansas."

I don't think it probable that more than three or four of those six will ever be found even if one had nothing to do but hunt them and plenty to spend finding them. However, a host of minor varieties are possible. Manuscript cancels, stampless covers, postmaster franks, civil war covers. Might even be old French wall-paper covers. Also fancy cancels and steamboat markings in addition to ordinary 20th Century cancels.

How many do I have? You guessed it, not one; not even the 1939 cancel as I was not interested in cancellations at that time. Many's the good cover I ruined, tearing off stamps that catalogued a couple of pennies.

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- 2c red, picturing M. Corona, small size.
- 2c red, picturing J. G. Gomez, small size window envelope.
- 2c red, picturing M. Corona, number 10 size.
- For Air Mail, there are two small size and two number 10 size, all of the same design.
- 5c blue, small size.
- 8c red, small size.

5c blue, number 10 size.

8c red, number 10 size.

These specimens come from Ricardo Del Campo, Obispo 502, Havana, Cuba. Mr. Del Campo has a complete stamp store at this address. In sending the samples Mr. Del Campo states, "The only one missing is the 2c No. 10."

However there is a 2c No. 10 in this lot and it is believed that there may be a 2c No. 10 window envelope which was not sent. Mr. Del Campo states that there is a missing envelope because they were already out of stock at the post office.

He further states that these envelopes were first put on sale on the 20th July and that F. D. C. would be on July 27. If this is correct then the envelopes were placed on sale in July 20 but not good for use until July 27th.

New Jersey Collectors Announce Jamboree

The Jamboree idea seems to be catching on in various places with stamp clubs in various parts of the country trying their collective hands at it.

Newest of the groups to announce such a session is SOJEX a federation composed of stamp clubs in south New Jersey. Dates of October 29 and 30 have been chosen for the affair which is to be held in the Walt Whitman Hotel in Camden.

Among the things planned are auctions, trading, meetings, speakers, dealers and door prizes all of which are offered without cost. There will be something of interest for each member of the family whether they collect or not.



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Yemen UN Issue Provoked Turbulence

The recent rapid rise in price of the Yemen "United Nations issue" which pictures Roosevelt and Truman, has finally been explained. The explanation is one of history's most interesting stamp stories.

A few years ago Yemen, perhaps envious of neighboring Saudi Arabia, began to recognize that an outside world existed.

An application was made to join the United Nations and the Secretary of State, Prince Abdullah, visited many foreign countries to establish diplomatic relations. In addition a "modernization" program was instigated which, according to TIME magazine, brought the country from the Dark Ages to the 17th Century.

When Yemen was admitted to the United Nations in September 1947, it proudly ordered an expensive and beautifully engraved series of stamps from one of the major Bank Note Companies. This pictured Prince Abdullah singing the Charter, addressing the Assembly, and visiting President Truman, in addition to portraying founders Roosevelt and Churchill and the flags of many member countries. It was completed and delivered late the following year.

In view of the extreme isolation of the country only a very small quantity of these attractive stamps reached the American market. Orders directly to the post office after issuance brought confusion, but no additional supplies!

Dealers who had previously purchased the stamps were astounded to have their reorder money returned with such conflicting comments as: "the stamps have not

been on sale," "no further supplies are available," "sold out," "we have no stamps," "the stamps have not arrived as yet," etc.

Dealers who returned odd values on covers had some sent back through the mail, others returned "not valid for postage." Unconfirmed rumors had persons threatened with arrest for using the stamps on mail. No one could seem to get the real facts from Yemen itself.

In 1948 it took almost five months for the major news services to ascertain the truth of the report that several of the Princes had murdered the King and that civil war had taken place which had been won by the present and rightful ruler, the brother of Prince Abdullah, the new Imam Ahmed.

Now after almost eight months the true facts of the United Nations stamp issue have been smuggled out to a large New York City stamp importing and wholesale house by one of their agents on the spot. This is the inside story.

When the stamps were delivered the government of Yemen was at war with the new state of Israel. The pictorial stamp issue when placed on sale created great bitterness and trouble with the other Arab countries who demanded its immediate recall and suppression. In addition, according to one high official, it caused severe riots, and disorders in Yemen itself.

Ordered the year before, the strikingly beautiful set pictured President Truman who had just spoken in support of the new state of Israel, and former Prime Minister Churchill who had just denounced the Bevin pro-Arab policy!

All but six values of the set were quickly withdrawn and destroyed and declared invalid for postage. Only the small quantities sold in the first few days of issuance escaped. Registered covers and used copies of the suppressed values definitely exist and are of great scarcity.

Philatelists "in the know" are wondering what Yemen will say when it learns that an issue which has been on sale for only a few days and then destroyed is even more desirable and interesting than a set left on sale for years.

They are wondering how the government will try to explain the philatelic blunder that helped their enemy to win a war by increasing the friction between the Arab States, which supposedly were presenting a united front against the new state of Israel.

Plan Two Types Of Community Chest Dies

There is a possibility that about 900 cities will use the slogan cancellation advertising the Community Chest campaigns. The dies will be of two kinds and will be adaptable to two types of cancelling machines.

The regular automatic cancelling machines International types "Flier" and "M" will apply the slogan in the post offices. The Pitney-Bowes meter mailer will apply the slogan to mail getting the meter mail cancellation on the Universal type "D" and "G."

Of the two slogans which will be used, one will read, "Give Through Your Community Chest," the other, "Wear Your Red Feather Proudly."

It is expected that the special dies will see use through the months of September, October and November due to the fact that the local campaigns are not all held at the same time.

Slogan cancel collectors wanting to know if such a die will be used in their local post offices are advised to question their local Chest headquarters. The local bodies will have to bear the cost of the dies, but the dies will remain the property of the Post Office Department.

Belgium's first semi-postal stamps appeared in 1910.

Philippines Announce Stamps In Booklets

The first 50c postage stamp booklets since liberation—to replace similar booklets in use during pre-war time—will be issued in Manila on August 19, 1949. These booklets are of light yellow ochre containing twenty-four 2c Rizal green, arranged in 4 leaves of 6 stamps in 2 vertical rows.

The covers bear inscriptions, among which are: "Stamp collecting is a hobby that will make one at home in the world," "Stamps are miniature replicas of man's achievements in the past and present."

Special canceller for first day of issue shall be stamped on all new booklets if presented on August 19th at the Manila Post Office, or if requested by mail.

Orders for reservations may now be accepted in the Stamp and Philatelic Division, Manila. Every order must be accompanied with

a remittance in postal money order sufficient to cover the cost of the order and return postage, payable to the Director of Posts, Manila. Orders mailed in the post office of origin on or before August 19, 1949, shall be properly serviced even when received later in the Stamp and Philatelic Division.

The rate of exchange in the Philippines is one U. S. cent for 2 centavos Philippine currency. Postage of ordinary mail from the Philippines to the United States is 3 U. S. cents for every 30 grams or fraction thereof. Each booklet would cost a collector in the United States P.O. 56 Philippine currency or \$0.28 U. S. currency (\$0.25 for 1 booklet and \$0.03 for ordinary return postage). If the order is of considerable quantity, 15 cents should be added for registration. Any amount in excess of the order shall be refunded.

Belgium issued three semi-postal stamps to help defray the costs of the Olympic Games to which it was host in 1920.

Firm Uses Stamps In Sales Booklets

Customers of Shure Brothers Inc. of Chicago, Ill. just recently received a clever piece of advertising literature. The company manufactures and distributes microphones.

In a booklet published by Shure Brothers, "A Story of the Philippines" an abbreviated history of this country is given. With the use of stamps, the 4c red first anniversary of the Republic commem, and the 2c and 4c Roxas mourning stamps, attention is called to the firms products.

All three stamps very plainly show one of the Shure microphones.

S. N. Shure, president of the firm, is a well known collector. He is the president and founder of the Israel Palestine Philatelic Society, a national group of collectors and has many other stampic interests.

G.A.R. COVERS

A new three cent stamp will be issued to commemorate the Final National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. The encampment will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 28th, to September 1st, 1949. The new stamp will be issued during this encampment.

Artmaster has designed a very appropriate cachet for this occasion. The cachet pictures the G. A. R. emblem surrounded by a portrait of its founder and the monument erected in his honor at Washington, D. C. The design is engraved on Artmaster's exclusive 100% cotton fiber envelopes. Use the handy coupon printed below when ordering your G. A. R. covers and envelopes.

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IT'S STILL HOT! SALE OF FINE UNITED STATES STAMPS

Owing to the freakish length of this heat wave, we have decided to continue the sale of most of last month's special bargain opportunities consisting of fine stamps from our regular stock. The items listed below are available only as long as our present supplies last. NOTE — These prices good until August 31st only. Orders postmarked after this date will not be accepted. Be sure that you examine this ad carefully. Our regular customers know for past experience to take advantage of these opportunities.

UNUSED

Scott #	Description	Block	Single	Scott #	Description	Block	Single
252	3c Triangle III (1894)	—	1.75	531	1c Green, Imperf. (1916)	—	1.30
268	3c Purple (1895)	—	.58	532	2c Carmine, Imperf. V	—	1.15
273	10c Dark Green	—	1.30	532b	2c Carmine, Imperf. VI	—	1.65
279b	2c Red (1898)	—	.18	532c	2c Carmine, Imperf. IV	—	1.50
279c	2c Rose Carmine	—	3.25	535	3c Purple	—	4.40
279d	2c Orange Red	—	.28	538a	1c Green, Imperf. between (240per pair)	—	1.10
284	1c Pan American	—	.30	541	3c Violet	—	1.45
285	2c Pan American	—	.32	552	1c Green (1922)	—	.35
314	1c Blue Green, Imperf. (1906)	4.15	1.06	553	1 1/2c Yellow	—	.20
320	2c Carmine, Imperf.	6.25	1.55	553a	1 1/2c Dark Brown	—	1.00
324	3c Louisiana Purchase	—	.60	554	2c Carmine	—	.33
326	5c Louisiana Purchase	—	4.00	555	3c Violet	—	3.80
339	13c Blue Green	—	1.50	556	4c Brown	—	1.70
343	1c Green, Imperf. (1908)	1.50	.15	557	5c Blue	—	.53
344	2c Carmine, Imperf.	2.10	.22	561	9c Rose	—	1.10
349	2c Coll.	—	1.70	563	1c Light Blue or Blue Green	—	.18
350	4c Coll.	(Pair 8.50)	4.00	564	12c Brown Violet	—	1.20
351	5c Coll.	—	7.00	565	14c Dark Blue	—	.80
352	1c Coll.	(Pair 3.65)	1.80	566	15c Gray	—	2.75
353	2c Coll.	(Pair 3.10)	1.50	567	20c Carmine	—	2.85
363	1c Green, Imperf. (1910)	—	.65	568	25c Green	—	2.10
364	2c Carmine, Imperf.	(Pair 1.35)	.63	569	30c Olive Brown	—	2.70
365	1c Coll.	—	.63	570	50c Green	—	6.00
366	2c Coll.	(Pair 2.60)	1.25	581	1c Green	—	1.50
367	1c Coll.	(Pair 3.90)	1.90	589	8c Olive Green	—	3.30
391	2c Coll. (1911)	(Pair 2.50)	1.25	590	9c Rose	—	.70
408	1c Green, Imperf.	—	.42	603	10c Orange Yellow, Coll.	(Pair .26)	.13
409	2c Carmine, Imperf.	—	.63	612	2c Harding, Imperf.	—	4.00
411	1c Coll.	(Pair .36)	.18	613	2c Harding, perf. 10	—	5.40
412	1c Coll.	(Pair 4.50)	2.20	620	2c Norse American	—	1.30
413	2c Coll.	(Pair 2.40)	1.10	621	5c Norse American	—	2.32
426	3c Violet, perf. 10 (1914)	—	2.10	622	13c Green (1926)	—	1.30
427	4c Brown	—	1.15	623	17c Black	—	1.30
428	6c Red Orange	—	.85	631	1 1/2c Imperf. rotary	—	1.50
442	2c Coll.	(Pair 1.05)	.52	658-668	1c-10c Kansas, complete (1929)	—	12.00
443	1c Coll.	(Pair 1.05)	.52	669-679	1c-10c Nebraska, complete	—	13.00
444	1c Coll.	(Pair 1.75)	.85	733	3c Byrd	—	.80
447	5c Coll.	(Pair 1.75)	.85	740-749	1c-10c National Parks, Perf. (1924)	—	4.45
458	5c Coll.	(Pair .90)	.45	756-765	1c-10c Nat'l. Parks, Imperf. (1935)	—	6.00
464	3c Violet (1916)	—	3.25	771	16c Spec. Del. Airmail, Imperf.	—	3.10
480	5c Green	—	11.00	778	3c Tipex pane (1936)	—	.38
481	1c Green, Imperf.	—	.36	859-893	1c-10c Famous Americans, 35 var. cpl.	23.25	6.75
482	2c Carmine, Imperf.	—	.65	C7-9	10c-20c Map Airmails, complete. (1926)	2.50	.62
483	3c Violet, Imperf.	—	2.85	C10	10c Lindberg	—	1.45
501	3c Violet, perf. 11 (1917)	—	1.15	C20	20c Clipper (1936-37)	—	.26
506	6c Orange	—	.90	C22	50c Clipper	—	2.40
509	9c Salmon Red	—	1.45	C24	30c Trans-Atlantic (1939)	—	3.30
510	10c Orange Yellow	—	.22	C25-C31	6c-50c Large Plane cpl. (1941)	6.35	1.60
515	20c Ultramarine	—	.80	C38	5c New York Jubilee	—	.45
516	30c Red Orange	—	4.25	CE2	16c Spec. Del. Airmail (1936) at face.	.65	.16
517	50c Red Violet	—	1.10	E14	20c Spec. Delivery	—	.65
517a	50c Light Violet	—	1.65	E15	12c Spec. Delivery	—	.45
524	5c Green and Black	—	10.25	E16	15c Spec. Delivery	—	.65
				J57	30c Postage Due (1914-15)	5.00	1.25

UNUSED PLATE NO. BLOCKS

Scott #	Description	Price	Scott #	Description	Price	Scott #	Description	Price
637	5c blue	.50	817	3c Presidential	.25	933	5c Roosevelt	.27
638	6c Orange	.60	818	13c Presidential	.95	958	5c Swedish Pioneer	.39
639	7c Black	.70	819	14c Presidential	1.00	C7	10c Map Airmail (6)	.95
640	8c Olive	.72	820	15c Presidential	.78	C8	15c Map (6)	1.40
641	9c Orange Red	.78	821	16c Presidential	1.50	C9	20c Map (6)	1.80
642	10c Orange	.86	822	17c Presidential	1.30	C19	6c Orange Globe	.80
643	1 1/2c Brown	.35	823	18c Presidential	1.45	C20	25c Clipper (6)	1.80
685	4c Green	.65	825	20c Presidential	.95	C21	20c Clipper (6)	2.40
690	2c Pulaski (6)	.80	826	21c Presidential	1.80	C22	50c Clipper (6)	4.40
692	11c Greenish Blue	1.50	829	25c Presidential	1.25	C23	6c Carmine and Blue	.72
693	12c Brown Violet	1.30	830	30c Presidential	2.00	C24	30c Trans-Atlantic (6)	6.60
694	13c Yellow Green	1.00	831	50c Presidential	3.00	C25	6c Carmine (1941)	.32
695	14c Blue	1.15	832	\$1 Presidential	4.40	C26	8c Olive	.42
696	15c Gray	2.20	833	\$2 Presidential	12.75	C27	10c Violet	.60
697	17c Black	1.75	852	3c Golden Gate	.28	C28	15c Red Brown	.85
698	20c Carmine	2.40	854	3c Inaugural (6)	.55	C29	20c Green	1.05
699	25c Yellow Green	3.00	856	3c Panama Canal (6)	.65	C30	30c Blue	1.70
700	30c Olive Brown	3.30	857	3c Printing Press	.26	C31	50c Orange	2.85
701	50c Lilac	5.25	866	3c Poet	.43	C-25-C31	Cpl. set	7.50
702	2c Red Cross	.32	870	2c Educator	.22	C32	5c Carmine (1946)	.30
724	3c Wm. Penn (6)	1.00	871	3c Educator	.75	C33	5c Carmine (small)	.37
732	3c N. A.	.33	873	10c Educator	2.85	C34	10c Black	.55
737	3c Mothers Day	.23	875	2c Scientist	.18	C35	15c Green	.75
776	3c Texas	.25	876	3c Scientist	.24	C36	25c Blue	1.40
777	3c Rhode Island	.25	878	10c Scientist	2.70	C38	5c N. Y. Jubilee	1.45
782	3c Arkansas	.25	894	1c Artist	.15	C40	5c Alexandria	.40
783	3c Oregon	.25	895	2c Artist	.18	CE1	16c Spec. Del. Air (1934) (6)	1.40
784	3c Susan B. Anthony	.20	896	3c Artist	.35	CE2	16c Spec. Del. Air (1936)	.76
808	4c Presidential	.27	898	3c Coronado	.42			
810	5c Presidential	.30	899-901	1c-3c Defense, cpl.	.70			
811	6c Presidential	.31	907	2c United Nations	.30	16c Ea:—929, 934, 935, 936, 938, 939, 941		
812	7c Presidential	.40	913	5c Netherlands	.37	942, 943, 944, 946, 947, 948, 950, 951,		
813	8c Presidential	.44	914	5c Belgium	.35	952, 954, 955, 956, 957, 959, 961, 962,		
814	9c Presidential	.45	918	5c Albania	.70	963		
815	10c Presidential	.48	920	5c Denmark	.70	10c Ea:—937, 940, 953, 961, 962, 963		
816	11c Presidential	.48	928	5c San Fran. Conference	.75	21c Ea:—960, 967, 970, 972, 973, 974,		
			930-933	1c-5c Roosevelt cpl.	.75	977, 978, 979		

USED BLOCKS

482 .80	627 .70	646 .37	702 .10	708 .12	823 .30	834 1.50	857 .12	898 .15	930-933	C20 .58	C31 .96
493 1.75	628 1.55	649 .50	712 .11	756-765	824 .42	836 .13	858 .12	902 .20	.33	C23 .10	C33 .12
513 1.55	629 .50	650 1.35	717 .09	4.90	826 .48	852 .12	859-893	903 .15	C4 3.10	C25 .08	C34 .32
573 3.20	631 1.55	682 .34	719 .14	818 .21	827 .45	853 .12	9.35	904 .15	C7 .37	C26 .09	C36 .33
612 3.40	643 .48	683 .48	733 .44	821 .30	828 .43	855 .13	897 .13	906 .48	C8 .62	C28 .32	
613 1.35	646 .25	686 .30	736 .13								

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Our new price list, known as catalog #94 has been inadvertently delayed but will be released about August 10th. It is free for the asking.

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A Radical Change In Makeup

If we did not call your attention to it you might not notice it and on the other hand, you might notice it, but not realize what was causing it or what difference there was. It is a change in the standard style of makeup of our pages. Let us explain.



GEO. LINN

In all printing work there are standard and accepted styles of arrangement and makeup. This applies especially to newspapers and that is the field in which we are interested. One publication overlooks this fact to such an extent that it upsets all accepted rules and disregards approved style and form with the result that anything might be found in its makeup. This situation is brought about by the demand of advertising patrons for certain definite space, "or we won't give you our advertising." When any publication is ruled by such demands and gives that advertiser that space without prior right to the space going to any advertiser who uses bigger space, then that publication is laying itself open to demands from every one of its advertising patrons. That could make life so miserable for the publisher, that it is just beyond common sense to let personal demands rather than justice to all, control the layout and makeup of any paper.

For many years past one of the principal demands of advertisers was for space next to or alongside of reading matter. Such space was accepted as being the most desirable. Also space at top of a column or top of a page was also demanded. It is only or principally due to the unjust demands and requests of so many advertising patrons that the large daily newspapers in New York have recently worked out another form of makeup which allots space in the only equitable and honorable manner. We doubt if there is a man who will deny that the person using the largest space is entitled to first choice of position and it is on that basis that the New York papers are now working.

Taking page for page, the New York papers now work on the theory that the choicest position is the top right corner of a right hand page. After that, comes the left hand pages in the same way. They therefore give that position to the largest advertisement that is placed on that page. Other smaller advertisements are then built down under it in order of size until the bottom of the page is reached. Working in this manner, there are many different arrangements that can be made to fill out a page. We will frequently have two columns of advertising side by side for the outside edge of the right hand page is considered very good position even though it is closed in by the fourth column rather than by reading matter. It is quite difficult to explain all this in words, but the makeup of the paper will show you what we mean and this is the accepted form for the leading newspapers of the country. We believe it to be the most equitable form for certainly the biggest buyer is entitled to the best space, just as the man who bids the most at an auction gets the lot.

Heretofore we as well as other papers have given the choice space to the users of single inch copy. As a result many advertising patrons using big space have objected and have curtailed use of space for that reason. We are hereafter going to give the preferred position to the heaviest users of space and that is the accepted form of makeup in the best and biggest publications.

We will not however under any circumstances print reading matter under advertising which is placed at top of a page. This is a practice that has never been considered as good makeup in any newspaper and we shall avoid anything that is not accepted and approved by the best of them.

Other changes in our makeup are to be made also among which we will aim to place the regular columns such as New Issues and other regular columns toward the rear pages of the paper. The front pages being reserved for current news and information. This should act to the benefit of advertisers who run advertising that is related to any of these columns as we will endeavor on request as in the past to place their advertisement on any page which carries a column around which they wish to make offers, such as new issues, plate blocks etc.

Please bear in mind that this is the first issue in which we have made this change of makeup. It may take us two or three weeks to get the idea in practical workable form for best results, but the larger users of space can rest assured that they are getting the preferred position in all cases.

Business Is O. K.

There is nothing the matter with business. There is no recession, all that thought is merely an obsession in your mind. Get busy, get to work and forget it and you will soon realize that this is a fact.

We at this office know this to be a fact. We have worked hard over the past six months and we have found that our volume of business for the first six months of 1949 is fully 10% greater than for the first six months of 1948 and if that is recession, then give us more recession. Beyond that we are working in the hope that we can make the last six months of 1949 as big or bigger than the corresponding period of last year or the first six months of this year. If we can do that then our whole year will be at least 10% bigger than 1948 and if anyone calls that recession, give us more of it.

Cachet For Texas Inaugural Flight

Effective on or about August 15, 1949, air mail service will be inaugurated at Coleman, Tex., on route A. M. 82.

Special cachet will be provided for Coleman, and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

First-flight air-mail covers sent to the postmaster at Coleman should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and

requesting the application of the cachet.

Space approximately 2½ by 2½ inches to the left of the address side of all covers is required for the cachet.

No provision will be made for point-to-point covers; however, at request of collectors, covers receiving cachets will be given directional service only to a terminal or junction point designated by the Regional Superintendent, Air Postal Transport, and served by the first flight in each direction, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

The Amateur Philatelist

By George W. Linn

We shall endeavor under this heading to print after of special interest to the beginner or amateur collector. So far as possible we solicit questions which we will answer in this column and also the question answered may not be from you it will doubtless contain information of interest. We reserve the right to reword all questions to make them more understandable. Please address your inquiries to the publication.

Which Plate Block Number as to location is the most important?

The inquirer probably means, the most valuable. There is no difference as to value of any of the blocks. Some collectors specialize on only one number of each kind and in doing so may confine their collections to the same position, but none is of more value than the other only and except when time shows one number to be far more scarce than another and that is what finally makes different prices for different positions.

Is it better to have two or more blocks of the same number or to have two blocks of different numbers?

If you have two different blocks of the same stamp each with a different number, that would naturally be better than to have two blocks of the same number unless the position of the number on the latter two blocks were different.

It might be best to explain how and why plate number blocks are saved. There are several ways of collecting these. Some collectors save one plate number block from each different stamp that is issued. Others save four different positions from each stamp that is issued without regard to the numbers being the same.

Others will save four positions but want the numbers the same on all four positions. Others will save one block of every different number. This frequently results in having from two or three to as many as twenty or thirty different blocks of the same stamp, each with a different number. Others will save all four positions of every number. This is the most thorough and expensive way.

Is it better to have electric eye markings on blocks of four?

Some will disagree with my answer to this question and it all comes down to a matter of taste. All recent stamps are electric eye printings, so why leave the markings on the block to show that. It is unnecessary if you merely want to leave the markings on the blocks to show that they are electric eye.

When electric eye printings were first started there were some of the Presidential series stamps that had already been printed without these markings as they were not electric eye prints. These blocks show that the stamps are not electric eye prints because the marks are not on the margins. These can be saved along with current prints of the same stamps with the markings, thus you can tell which are and which are not electric eye printings.

Some collectors advocate leaving any or all margins on all stamps, but I prefer mine with margins removed when they are not necessary to prove any point, for the simple reason that the blocks look nicer. Some collectors make collections of electric eye singles and blocks attempting to build up miniature sheets showing all the various sheet markings. This is quite pleasant work and lots of fun and will give you something to look for, for years if you want to do it.

What about the plain margins on a block of four?

For myself I would remove them and most collectors do. They do not bear a premium on current material but might bring a premium 100 years from now, just as any very early U. S. mint block with sheet margin would probably bring a bit better price than the same block without the margin.

DOUBLE IMPRESSIONS—by Well



"He was having the best time until he came to the Fort Kearny and Turner commems of 1948!"

Is a pair or a single with plate number worth anything?

Speaking of modern stamps I would remove one stamp if I had a pair with plate number, making it a single. Many collectors collect plate numbers with single stamps only and personally I think it the most sensible way although I save mine in blocks and singles both.

The object of a plate number collection can be only to show specimens of stamps from each plate that was printed from and a single shows this as well as a block and at much less cost. So all I would say a single would be a far better way to collect and the sale of such a collection would doubtless bring as good return in proportion to cost as a collection of blocks.

Is it better to have a cancelled stamp with perfect gum on it or not?

When a stamp is canceled it is presumed it has been used on mail. Thus the gum should not be there. If it has perfect gum, that is evidence it has been canceled to order and is less desirable than one regularly used.

In many European countries, canceled to order stamps are much collected because over there the preference is generally for used stamps, however experts or well informed collectors can usually tell many of these canceled to order stamps.

All of the above questions come from a Lady who admits being inexperienced. We believe if you will read the questions and answers it will help others of the same class. If you have questions, send them on, make them brief and to the point. We will try to cover as many as possible each week.

ANPEX Dates Are Definitely Settled

A definite date has been established for the Australian National Philatelic Exhibition at the Town Hall in Melbourne. It will be staged there from October 4 to 14, 1950.

Various clubs and collectors have been arranging the details of the exhibition for over a year now and with yet a year to go until the actual event occurs, it should be an outstanding and well planned celebration.

To be known as ANPEX, it will celebrate the centenary of the first stamps ever issued in that country. The Post Office Department of Australia has promised a full cooperation with the show committee in that it will provide a stamp or set of stamps, a special cancellation, and the establishment of a post office at the Town Hall itself.

Exhibits will be restricted to collectors resident in Australia, New Zealand and the adjacent Pacific area. It is expected that stamps from all over the world will be placed on display.

A Court of Honor is to be a feature of the show, it containing stamps issued between the 1840-1850 period.

Secretary of the Exhibition is A. W. Bunn, 67 Victoria St., Footscray WIL, Victoria, Australia.

Try This Idea On Your Own Responsibility

A most useful aid for every collector, especially the revenue stamp enthusiast, is a one ounce bottle with dropper (costs a few cents at any drug store) filled with a wetting agent.

The most readily obtainable of these agents is "Drene" shampoo—swipe some from the wife's bottle or buy a bottle at the 5 & 10 cent store.

Put about 30 or 40 drops in the bottle, fill with water and shake. Spread the solution evenly with the dropper over the stamp to be removed (especially use-ful when the stamp is on a wood container) and in a minute or two the stamp can be lifted off.

Rinse the stamp in lukewarm water to remove any solution and adhesive remaining.

Belgian industry is depicted on a 1948 set of stamps of that country.

THOSE 1948ERS

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"His pen was no less mighty than the sword of Washington in winning the war," was the general tribute paid to Thomas Paine when independence was achieved by the American Colonies.

Thomas Paine was the son of an English staymaker, a Quaker, and was born in 1736. He tried a half-dozen different occupations and was a failure at all of them. His liberal views, expressed in political debates, won him the friendship of Ben Franklin, who was in London attempting to obtain the repeal of obnoxious laws and taxes in the colonies.

Paine, on Franklin's suggestion, went to America. He arrived in Philadelphia in 1774 at the age of thirty-seven. With letters of introduction from Franklin, he secured a position on the staff of a new publication, "The Pennsylvania Magazine," and in a short time was given the editorship.

Paine had quit school at fifteen, yet few writers have surpassed him in command of words. For his day, he was a radical in political view, and fearless in expressing his opinions.

As the editor of the magazine he attacked human slavery, titles of nobility, dueling and kindred accepted institutions and practices. He advocated equal rights for women. He attempted to have an anti-slavery pro-

vision inserted in the Declaration of Independence, but slavery was too profitable for New England shipowners.

It was right after Lexington and Bunker Hill that Paine came into the patriotic spotlight as the master propagandist of the Revolution. It was on January 1, 1776, that his sensational pamphlet "Common Sense" appeared. It called for the complete independence of the American colonies and the uniting of them into a republic.

Up until then the revolt was against oppressive laws and taxes. He thus set the goal of the war.

Although a Quaker, he enlisted in the army. Nevertheless, whenever the cause seemed to be hopeless and Washington's men were deserting by the thousands, as they did at Valley Forge, he sharpened his eagle quill pen and issued another stirring appeal for unity and faith in ultimate victory.

He wrote one of these in Washington's camp, using a drum-

head as a desk. The English were flooding the colonies with ballyhoo that was timed to create disunity and panic the people. Washington sent Paine to Philadelphia as his official propagandist to ridicule the English claims. He was given the official position of secretary to the commission of foreign affairs. His tracts had such tremendous sale that the royalties from them would have made him one of the richest men in the colonies. However, he had assigned all of the profits to the Continental Congress.

Paine became disgusted with the personal bickering, plots and graft of the members of congress and he resigned his job. But when Washington begged the people for money and food to keep his army from disintegration, Paine helped to organize the Bank of North America to finance the war, and subscribed every dollar he had to its capital.

All of Paine's pamphlets had been translated into French and next to Washington and Franklin he was the best known American in France. When it was decided to send a mission to France to solicit a loan, he was picked as one of the two members. He was lionized in Paris.

He obtained a loan of six million livres, a livre being a pound of silver unless expressly designated as gold. He returned home safely with half the loan in cash and the other half in sorely needed arms and other supplies.

The politicians in the colonies were more than willing that fiery patriots and liberals like Paine should help to win the war, but with independence and peace they did not want them in the government. Paine turned his active mind to the design for an iron bridge. He sought the opinion of wise Ben Franklin on financial backing. Franklin advised him to take his idea to London.

Back in England, he wrote a pamphlet in the defense of the French revolution, "The Rights of Man." It had such an immense circulation that the government became alarmed and ordered his arrest as a traitor. It would have been embarrassing to bring him to trial and he was allowed to escape to France.

He had been voted French citizenship and the Department of Calais had elected him to the revolutionary tribunal. He voted against the death of King Louis from whom he had secured the American loan. He was to learn there was no liberty nor justice in France. He was thrown into prison as an enemy of the state.

While in France he had written the first part of his, "Age of Reason," in which he was said to have embraced the atheism of the leaders of the French revolution. Its publication alienated his friends and admirers in both America and England. In America of that day, atheism was as abhorrent to most persons as witchcraft, and Paine was now referred to as that "dirty atheist."

Washington was flattered when Paine dedicated his, "Rights of Man," to him, but when he read the "Age of Reason," he was so angry that he refused to intercede to save Paine from the guillotine. I believe it was through the influence of Tom Jefferson that he was released from prison.

In one of his American pamphlets Paine had written, "Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered." Tyranny was the rule of governments in Europe, and Paine at last saw that he alone could never conquer it. He returned to America—God's Country. He devoted his remaining years to financial problems and inventions, dying 1809.

Poland honored the memory of Thomas Paine as the champion of human rights on a stamp in 1938, which commemorated the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the U. S. constitution. On it he is depicted as supporting the swords of Washington and Kosciuszko with his pen.

Business Bad? Linn Advertiser Says No

Another indication that business in the stamp trade is not bad, or even suffering a summer slump, is given by a recent letter from Ann F. Taft, owner and manager of the Rose Hill Stamp Co., 801 Johnson Ave., White Bear Lake, Minn.

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Appearing before Commissioner Edward W. McDonald in United States District Court of New York City, the suspect was held under a \$50,000 bail for action by the Federal grand jury.

Milwaukee Club Elects Officers

At a recent meeting, the very active Milwaukee Philatelic Society elected new officers who will take over on September 17. Clarence Martin is the new president. Assisting him will be vice-president Roland L. Hustis and secretary-treasurer C. W. Degler, 2114 N. 49th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

The Coat of Arms of Belgium features a Lion Rampant.

Oskosh Stamp Club Has Ladies Auxilliary

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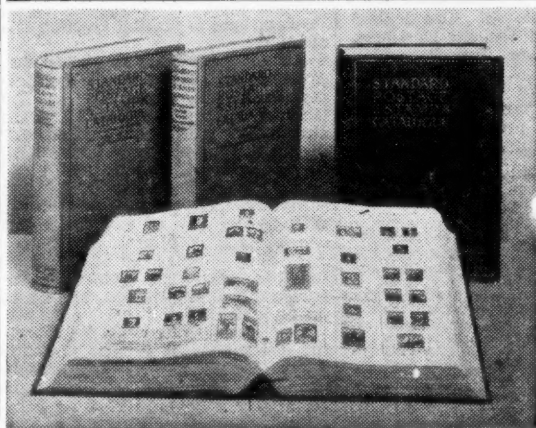
The women's group, the first of its kind in Wisconsin, will set the pattern for others in cities in which there are affiliated clubs, it is expected.

The work of the women will involve collecting and distributing material for the wounded who

are now patients at the veterans hospital at Wood, Wis. The men chiefly disabled veterans of World War II, find diversion from their mental or physical handicaps in establishing and pursuing hobbies. The stamp club auxilliary members will collect items for them.

Their collections will include not only stamps, but matchbook covers, coins, metered mail, buttons, custom jewelry etc. and other articles in the hobby field.

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There are quite a few collectors of Colorado's stamps in Denver, many of whom belong to the American Revenue Association of which I am the current President. The ARA's Colorado Representative, Oliver Overman, was the first person we visited.

Oliver's Colorado collection is no doubt one of the most outstanding ones of today. In addition he collects U. S. Playing Card stamps, all U. S. Taxpays, U. S. Postage and is plating Great Britain #33.

All of these collections are impressive and show much collecting endeavor, especially in the task of plating the Great Britain stamp. My wife and I had a very pleasant dinner and visit with Mr. and Mrs. Overman and shall look forward to seeing them again someday. Oh yes! Oliver's model railway, in one of his basement rooms, is something to see too!—All these hobbies, in addition to his job with the Veteran's Insurance Administration, are quite an undertaking.

Our next visit was with our old friend V. D. Smith and his wife. Verde has a beautifully mounted collection of Colorado stamps, mostly mint. He sold most of his other collections years ago. It was a distinct pleasure to meet this old correspondent and his wife for the first time and to see such a nice collection.

Walt Reinhardt, former ARA Western District Representative, has an outstanding stock of U. S. Revenues in addition to a huge stock of U. S. postal issues. His U. S. Revenues collection is a very good one, full of surprises, and reflects his great knowledge of these issues. Walt has been writing occasional columns for Linn's and The American Revenues. Don't miss these writings if you want a good insight into our Federal Revenue issues! You'll see Walt around in the top brackets of the Revenue field for years to come!

Now down to Brass Tacks—er—ulp—I mean Colorado revenue stamps: The discovery of the decade has been made! After talking it over with many Denverites as to whether the 40c Liquor stamp was ever issued without the serial numbers, I was ready to delete it from the catalog of State Revenues. On the next day (you guessed right!) I became the proud owner of the only one of these stamps known to exist!—a practically a perfect copy too!!!

Now who can produce a 3c stamp of the same issue?

Another new discovery is the 1/2 bbl. blue Morrison stamp with the serial letter "B." When Morrison came into office for the second time it was thought that these stamps began with serial letter "C," since the Bennett stamps ended with "B," however it is now evident that the second regime Morrison stamps began with the same letter that the old Bennett stamps ended with—"B." This is a very scarce item.

Other Second Regime Morrison stamps that are new are: 3.2%-3c brown "A," 288 oz. red orange "G" to "I" Over 3.2%-288 oz. blue "J," "X," "Z," "A," "B," "C," "D," "E" (evidently V, W, and Y were also issued) and 1/2 bbl "D." Evidence points to the fact that only these stamps and those listed in the Colorado catalog were issued during Morrison's second tenure of office. Geo. J. Baker is now the Sec. of State and his name has begun to appear on the stamps with the 288 oz. blue "E" stamp.

For those who are interested in the Cigarette meter imprints I submit the following: The first imprints were 1c violet, red or black then, when the tax was raised to 2c, the "1c" and "For Relief" were cut out and the meter used thus for a short time until the new dies arrived. This stamp was in red as was the new 2c stamp which was put into use when the new dies arrived.

The Denver City and County decal stamp is now 2c in value and red, but otherwise like the former 1c green and pale green stamps.

Statue Of Hermes On UPU Issue Of Greece

According to a reliable report from Greece, the design of that nation's stamp to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union will be a newly discovered statue of the god Hermes.

It is said that the stamp will be issued in October, possibly on the 9th or 10th.

ASDA Stamp Show In Mid-November

When the ASDA National Postage Stamp Show is held at the 71st Infantry Regiment Armory in New York City from November 18 to 20, the programs are going to be planned to interest a lot of people, some of them not necessarily stamp collectors.

For the beginner, there will be all kinds of displays to give him or her information understandable whether they are six or sixty. The more advanced collectors will have plenty in the way of stamps and displays to keep them occupied.

Even those persons who years ago put their collections away and haven't touched them since will be prompted to break them out and get going again.

Persons who have never collected stamps will have displays directed in their behalf which will attempt to point out the fun to be had from the hobby.

The ASDA Committee feel that the dates chosen for the show are near ideal since they occur when the weather is just about the right temperature to appreciate an indoor event, and not cold enough to keep folks indoors.

New Orleans Club One Of Most Active In South

Visitors to New Orleans who might be stamp minded, and who are in that city on the first Tuesday of each month are welcome to attend the regular meetings of the Crescent City Stamp Club, held at that time.

The group gathers at its regular meeting place, the St. Charles Hotel, at 8 p. m. and spends the evening in a very philatelic manner.

Because of the war, the club disbanded in 1942, but in April of 1948, it became active once more.

Present officers of the club are E. A. Goldberg, president; H. N. Cromwell, vice-president; A. J. Phillips, secretary and L. M. Lavigne, treasurer.

CIVIL WAR REVENUES

—Color—

by Arthur C. Burnham

To avoid counterfeiting, Butler and Carpenter did much of their own color mixing in a ball or pebble mill in which raw pigment, oil, dryer etc. were ground together. The small stones tumbled from side to side as the mill was rotated and thus pulverized and mixed the ingredients.

Sometimes, because of insufficient mills, it was necessary to clean the mills and start immediately to mix a new color. The 25c Insurance in the brown shade was caused by this and came about by the mixing of a little of the black pigment, which was in the mill previously, with the usual red used for this stamp.

The stamps which were printed in orange were criticized heavily from the beginning so on October 10, 1862 the color was changed to blue for the 2c stamps, until August 1864 when all except the Proprietary stamp were returned to orange until the stamps went out of issue in about 1882.

The blue stamps also were criticized, principally because the cancellations did not show up well on them and the cancellations could be removed without defacing the stamp.

The blue varied only slightly in shade until 1869 when Mr. Carpenter began the use of the experimental ultramarine ink to overcome the objections to the stronger blue shade. This ink is so fugitive that great differences exist in shades.

The six stamps issued in ultramarine are: 2c Proprietary, 10c Contract, 10c Foreign Exchange, 50c Conveyance, 50c Surety Bond and \$1 Mortgage. After eight or nine months use the printers informed the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that the ultramarine printings were discontinued on October 30, 1869.

Other shades are caused by the actual printing. These stamps were produced by intaglio, or line, engraving. The microscopic lines which are cut into the plate hold the ink and dampened paper is pressed on the plate taking off an impression in notably raised lines. The lighter impression through light inking of the plate, insufficient pressure, or wearing of the plate, appears as a lighter shade and vice-versa. Other shades are caused by sunlight and polluted air.

The second person ever to appear on the stamps of Belgium was King Leopold II.

California Collectors Have New Quarters

The California Collectors Club has moved their meeting location to the Hotel Whitcomb, Market at 8th Sts., in San Francisco. The Friendly Stamp Club meets at 8 p. m. every Friday night with features of exhibits, swapping galore and other philatelic activities.

At their annual election of officers the membership chose Louis Shain to lead the club through the coming year of stamp activities with the SPA 55th Annual Convention and 10th Annual CALPEX right around the corner.

Officers working with Mr. Shain as the Board of Directors for the club are: A. Lohbrunner, vice-president; Edwin H. Sully, treasurer; Elsie Mueller, recording secretary; Marie Sully, corresponding secretary; Estelle Burgh, sales manager; Nat Levy, Joseph Clary, and Albert DeMello, directors at Large; and Karl Mueller, editor of the California Collector.

Visitors are welcome at all meetings of the club.

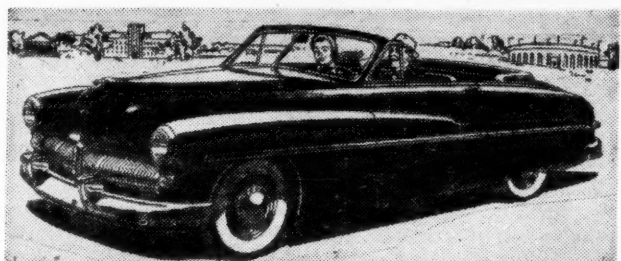
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BULGARIA This nation has announced a set of two stamps for issuance in September which will depict military defenses. Denominations and colors were not announced.



FRANCE The Racine commemorative stamp just recently issued is another attractive stamp from this country. It depicts Jean Racine, a famous writer of that country, and was issued for the 250th anniversary of his death. It is printed in dark brown with a value of 12 Fr.



FRENCH COLONIES One stamp has been issued for each of 12 French Colonies to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. All have identical designs. Three of the stamps are printed in a single color, while the other nine have four colors each. All are airmails.

First day for all was on July 4—the countries and denominations are: Camerouns 25Fr.; French Equatorial Africa 25Fr.; French India 6 Fa.; French Oceania 10Fr.; French West Africa 25 Fr.; Madagascar 25Fr.; Indo-China 3Pi.; New Caledonia 10Fr.; St. Pierre and Miquelon 25Fr.; Somali Coast 30Fr.; Togo 25 Fr.; Wallis and Futuna 10Fr.

ITALY A new Authorized Delivery stamp in Scott type AD-4 has been issued. Color is purple and the value is 15 lire.

PERU A recent issue was a commemorative stamp which showed the monument of Admiral Grau. Denomination was 10c, and the color was green.



REUNION More stamps with the "CFA" overprint have appeared for this colony. The overprinting occurs on French stamps Scott type A147 and type A165.

On the former which is a 12-Fr. blue stamp the overprint reads, "6 CFA" while on the other it reads, "8f CFA," and

which is a 25Fr. The former overprint is a black one, the latter in blue.

RUSSIA Another two value set has appeared in the constant flow of commemorative stamps (so-called) from this country. Newest of the lot is a 40K blue and a 1 R green which depicts a bearded patriarch.



TURKEY A beautiful six value set has been issued to bring attention to the naval exploits of this country. It was printed by the Swiss firm of Courvoisier on granite paper by the photogravure process.

An ancient galley appears on the 5 Kurus purple, while a sailing ship is to be seen on the 10K brown. A Turkish battleship is shown on the 15K red and the 20K slate blue depicts a submarine.

A modern battle cruiser forms the central part of the design on the 30K slate. And on the 40K olive is to be seen a battle monument which is somewhat similar to the United States Iwo Jima commem.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA The commem which celebrates the arrival of the Natal settlers is probably one of the last of the issues which will appear in bilingual pairs. It is the intention of the Union Postal Administration to combine the English and Afrikaans languages on the same stamp in the very near future rather than have stamps side by side with the language alternating on each.

WALLIS & FUTUNA Provisional airmail stamps were made for this French Colony by surcharging stamps of New Caledonia with new values and country name.

The New Caledonian stamps overprinted are the 50Fr. red and yellow and the 100Fr. brown and yellow.

German Philatelic Encyclopedia Issued

A pocket size encyclopedia of German philately has been published by Ernst Krapp under the title "ABC der Philatelie."

On 286 pages 4 1/2 by 6 1/2 inches the book explains 3000 German philatelic terms and furnishes concise information about a wide range of subjects of importance to the collectors of stamps of Germany.

Among the many entries supplying facts and data not generally available are lists of the various numeral, cogwheel, millwheel and other cancels of the Old German States; lists of post offices, including field posts of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, German offices abroad and in the colonies and types of cancels used there.

A list of recognized experts and the code governing the placing of the marks of authentication will be helpful to collectors handling the better German stamps.

The book, printed in German, can be ordered from Erich Haide, (24a) Balje ueber Stade, British Zone, Germany. Price, \$3.50.

Belgium held an International Water Exhibition at Liege in 1939 which was noted with a set of four commemorative stamps.

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Trieste (AMG ovpt.)	50 Lire	May 2
Switzerland	10c, 25, 40c	May 16
Czechoslovakia	3, 5, 13 Kcs.	May 20
Liechtenstein	40c	May 23
Sria	12.50, 25 pi & 12.50, 50 pi	June 20
Romania	301,	June 30
Cameroon	25Fr.	July 4
Fr. Eq. Africa	25Fr.	July 4
French India	6Fa	July 4
French Oceania	10Fr.	July 4
Fr. W. Africa	25Fr.	July 4
Madagascar	25Fr.	July 4
Indo-China	3 Pi	July 4
New Caledonia	10Fr.	July 4
St. Pierre and Mq.	25Fr.	July 4
Somali Coast	30Fr.	July 4
Togo	25Fr.	July 4
Wallis and Futuna	10Fr.	July 4

TO BE ISSUED

Great Britain	3 1/2, 5, 6d and 1/-	Oct. 10
Philippines	4, 6, 18c; souv. shs. 25c	Oct. 9
Spain	4Pesetas	Oct. 9
Venezuela	5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50, 60, 90, 1B	Oct. 10

ANNOUNCED WITHOUT DATES

Algeria	25Fr.	
France	500Fr.	
Greece	500 Dr.	
Iceland	25, 35, 60 aur. 2 Kr.	
Qatar	20, 40 and 50 fils.	
Japan	2, 5, 14, 25, 62 yen	
New Hebrides (French)	10, 15, 30, 50c	
Poland	6, 18, 30 zi.	
Salvador	5, 10c and 1 Col.	
Spanish Guinea	4Ptas.	
Spanish W. Africa	4Ptas.	

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The members of this Union while complying with all the rules and regulations of the UPU have certain agreements among themselves which result in the further satisfactory handling of the mail.

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It will soon be one year, since I inaugurated "THE PLATE BLOCKER." During this period I have made many friends, as a result of my columnar duties and of course there were some who disagreed, not only with my valuation program but also with anything I had to say.

This was only natural inasmuch as writing any sort of column was bound to find a few who had their own ideas on whatever the subject might be.

LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS certainly deserves much credit for its initiative. George W. Linn has always given you the best there is, in topics of Philatelic interest and it was Mr. Linn who realized that the popularity of plate number collecting was inevitable.

Therefore Linn stepped out with another first and "THE PLATE BLOCKER" was conceived. Other periodicals have followed suit but none have ever approached, or even tried, to equal our valuation program. For the first time, in Philatelic history, a stamp periodical took the bull by the horns and opened up a new source of valuable information for its readers.

Before "THE PLATE BLOCKER" was introduced, many dealers and collectors who were "in the know" as to which plate number positions were rare, were taking advantage of the thousands who had no idea that certain plate numbers could command high premiums.

This was brought to an abrupt halt as week after week, LINN'S printed the true values of position plate blocks. This is attested by the fact that I have thousands of letters from collectors who no longer sold certain positions at list prices but were now realizing true returns for their plate blocks.

This being the case then LINN'S and myself have accomplished our main objective.

It is sad to relate that there are still a few who continue to take task with "THE PLATE BLOCKER." Of course these few cannot honestly present good reasons, for their stand. If we look into their background we surely will find that they were having lush times with the uninitiated or that they had been unable to keep up with the trend.

Nevertheless this situation did not deter either LINN'S or myself from presenting the truth to the philatelic world. If we have burned a few of the unscrupulous, with our findings, then all the better.

I am not writing this column to bandy words with selfish individuals. The purpose of the column is to give you a true picture of current market conditions, in plate numbers. This is definitely not a speculators bureau nor do we have any intentions to bull the market. When we present our opinions, then we do so with one purpose in mind and that is to give the genuine and sincere collector a break.

During the past year hundreds upon hundreds, of plate numbers and thousands of plate positions were reviewed and valued. The valuations presented were not just plucked out of thin air. They represented the trend of the day.

Nevertheless I always advocated that the rarity of today could become easy to obtain tomorrow and vice versa, the apparent simple to obtain plate number could of a sudden become difficult to acquire. Therefore twice, during the past year, I had to review the valuations of the 1948 and other issues.

In my recapitulation of the 1948 issues, the valuations of the various plate positions showed a marked increase and all indications point to more increases especially in the Famous American types such as White, Stone, Palomar, Rogers, Ft. Bliss and Harris. There is also no doubt that the other short issues, of 1948, will rise in value.

There is no use in the Philatelic world trying to ignore the signifi-



ATTRACTIVE EXHIBITION SEALS. A pre-view of the exhibition seals which will be produced for the Australian National Philatelic Exhibition, October 4 to 14, 1950 at Melbourne is given above. There will be three colors used, red, blue and black. The reproduction of the stamp on the left hand will be in red and it is of the first stamp of New South Wales. The one on the right is to be in blue, and is a reproduction of the first stamp of Victoria. Both were issued originally in 1850. The seals will be approximately the size above, come twelve to the sheet and sell for 4c per sheet. An initial printing of 50,000 sheets is planned.

cance of the plate number. It is my opinion that at least 9 out of 10 are collecting plate numbers in some form or other. Ask any of the thousands, of retail stamp clerks at any PO, what the collector requests, at his window and the answer is always the plate number block.

The Fall season will soon be upon us and the care-free summer days will become pleasant memories. Activity will again reach its peak, in the stamp world and all signs point to another hectic year for plate numbers. The result will bring about many interesting changes in the values, of plate number positions and there is no doubt that very shortly a definite scale of valuations for plate numbers and positions will be established and recognized nationally.

Above all be very careful whenever you sell or trade your duplicate plate number positions for you can be giving away rare or tough positions for a mere pittance. If in doubt then feel free to contact me and I will be only too pleased to advise you at any time.

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A Further Review Of Air Letter Sheets

By Gordon F. Johnson

The collecting of Air Letter Sheets has been growing by leaps and bounds since the publication of The American Air Mail Catalogue of Air Letter Sheets in February of this year.

My advice to any collectors looking for new fields of endeavor—THIS IS IT. Not only does it make a fine hot weather hobby but it also offers ample opportunities for research and specialization.

The following are a few recent discoveries and new issues noted coming through the mails: (All catalogue numbers refer to the AAMS Air Letter Sheet Catalogue)

From correspondents in Germany, I have several U. S. Air Letter Sheets used to Germany showing various Civil Censor Markings of Germany. The Munich Civil Censor Marking is quite distinctive printed in red.

The Current 15c red Canadian Air Letter Sheet (7LS) is now coming out in two distinct issues. The stamp in one variety measures a full 21 mm in width while the other variety measures only 20.5 mm in width. This variety may be caused by printing differences from flat and curved plates.

The 4LS and 5LS Ceylon, (35c) has been noted in additional varieties. The 4LS on unwatermarked paper is available on both greenish gray paper as described in the Catalogue and also on white paper. The 5LS is correctly described on watermarked white paper.

Egypt offers ample varieties for the specialist. The current 2LS Egypt (25m) comes in three very distinct shades all on unwatermarked white paper. A new variety just recently discovered is the current 25m sheet printed on a very grayish watermarked paper. The watermark on this variety

is illegible in arabic characters.

It now appears that the 7d Fiji ALS listed at 1LS represents the rate of postage required to the United Kingdom. This may also represent the rate to the United States, but at this writing is not verified. The unlisted 3d Fiji ALS is the rate to the nearby British points including Australia and New Zealand. All these Air Letter Sheets from Fiji appear to be scarce and almost unobtainable in a postally used condition.

All Air Letter Sheet Collectors agree on at least one point and that is the 1933 Iraq ALS is really beautiful and that it is one of the scarcest. Postally used in 1933, this item can almost write its own ticket as to value.

From a correspondent in Penang comes a Jap Occupation of Malaya, Naval Air Letter Sheet used by Japanese Naval personnel stationed in Malaya. More information on this Air Sheet and also on the Indian Honour Envelopes used in Malaya is desired.

The "Blue Triangle" Honour Envelopes were used extensively throughout the empire during the war. The special "Christmas issues" of several Dominions were overprinted on Honour Air Letters including the so-called hollow triangle Air Letters. These items postally used are really quite scarce. The Sudan Christmas Air Letter Sheet with stamps affixed is quite an outstanding item.

At this writing, the future of Air Letter Sheet Collecting looks very good. There is no doubt that the collecting of these items will increase considerably. It is also quite evident that the AAMS Catalogue has left out an important section of their catalogue which they will correct in a future edition.

After all, Air Letter Sheets are only a part of the much bigger and broader hobby of collecting Aero Postal Stationery and in my opinion, that is where continued growth of the hobby is possible. The early Classics of imprinted Aero Postal Stationery should not be overlooked.

Early imprinted cards such as Salvador and Columbia certainly deserve a place in anyone's collection just as much as Prisoner of War Air Cards. I have a 10c imprinted SCADTA Columbia Air Card that compares favorably in scarcity with any variety listed in the AAMS Catalogue.

In a future article I will review Postage rates which have been changing quite rapidly.

Editors Note: Correspondence with Mr. Johnson can be directed to P. O. Box 672, Sta. A, Champaign, Ill.

National Societies To Be At Jamboree

Mindful of the outstanding job that the Society of Philatelic Americans achieved during the March, 1949, Stamp Collectors Jamboree, three other national societies have decided to show their wares at the next Big Show to be held October 29 and 30 at New York's Hotel McAlpin.

In addition to the Society of Philatelic Americans, there will also be representation by the American Philatelic Society, the Essay Proof Society and the Souvenir Issues Association.

The Society of Philatelic Americans under the direction of vice president Ignatz Reiner, expects to capitalize on their previous experience at the Jamboree where they signed up more new memberships the very first day than they did in all 10 days of "Cipep."

Heading the American Philatelic Society delegation will be secretary H. Clay Musser. Stephen Rich is expected to lead the activities of the Essay Proof Society. Fred Barovick who was recently elected president, will undoubtedly direct the Souvenir Issues Association booth.

Preceding the two day Stamp Collectors Jamboree on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 29 and 30, will be the National Stamp Dealers Bourse on Friday, October 28. Many new and unusual features will be presented at each of the two events which have drawn collectors from all over America. At the next Show exhibitors will hail from England, Spain, Switzerland, and probably also from Germany and Belgium.

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Insurance Company Stamp Club Featured

The Metro Stamp Club composed of employees of the New York City office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. was given a nice write-up in a recent edition of "The Home Office" official publication of the company.

Now numbering more than 70 members, the club meets the second Monday of each month in a room provided for the purpose in the home office of the company at 1 Madison Ave.

President of the club is John F. Griffin.

WANTED TO BUY

TERMS FOR LISTING

Hereafter we will list only stamps which can be identified by listing the Scott Catalogue number. You can list either a single stamp or a set. You may mention mint or used but if neither is mentioned it is presumed you will accept either. You may ask for a pair or block or cover but we will not print listings which require specific descriptions. Each item listed will be numbered in . . . This is our key as to the party wanting the stamps. You must send us at least one addressed Postal Card for each item you want listed. When we have used this card to advise you that the item is offered and give your name and address of party offering same we will remove the item from the list. Frequently we have several offers of some items and suggest extra cards from you. There are no other requirements. Listings are free. If an item is carried for four or more weeks without being offered it will be removed from the listing.

MR. DEALER: You are invited to participate in this feature of Linn's Weekly Stamp News by looking over this list of wants that will appear from week to week and advising us which stamps you can supply. In doing this you are expected to list the stamps by the number in . . . preceding each stamp listed, describe the copy as to condition and name your price on the stamp. This information will then be supplied to the person wanting the stamp and should result in a sale by you and should at the same time give you an opportunity to make a new customer.

★ Unused. ○ used. ☐ Cover. ⊕ Block.
FDC. First Day Cover.

(213) India, Coochin #64, 6, 7, 8, 70, 6, 7.
(216) Spain #585 used or cover.
(218) Greenland #20 carmine ovpt.
(219) Sweden #3 used.
(220) Sweden #23b used.
(223) Hawaii #30 to 36, 38, 43, 46 on covers.

(224) Sudan Air C11 to C34 used.
(225) Philippines U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U16, U18, U20, U23, U24, U26, U27, U29, W2, W3 used or unused.
(228) New Zealand B3 used.
(229) Brazil, coils #179a and 200r pairs or longer.

(230) Mexico 61, 109, 120 in quantity.
(231) U. S. 2c #634 EE print on FDC, Wash. 3/29/35 with EE marks.
(232) Hungary J18.
(233) Hungary P1 to P15.
(234) Norway #1 on cover.

(235) Belgium B174a mint.
(236) Guatemala 54B.
(237) Peru 332 to 338 used.
(238) Peru 348, 349, 351 used.
(239) U. S. #819, 823, 826, 827, 828, 830, 831, 832 precanceled.

(240) U. S. H. F. O. 1945, 1948 FDC
(241) New Caledonia 226-242 on censored covers.

(242) Philippines C13 used.
(243) Egypt C3 used.
(244) Argentina C49 used.
(245) Col. Repub. CIN. used.

(246) Mexico C140 used.
(247) Panama C2A used.
(248) France C6 used.
(249) Japan C2 used.
(250) Costa Rica C180 used.

(251) Argentina C55 used.
(252) Barbados 194, Perf 13 1/2 x 13 1/2.
(253) Cayman #1, 52.
(254) Egypt 17* block.

(255) New Guinea C14-26 used.
(256) New Guinea C28-42 used.
(257) Nigeria 63, 64, perf 13 x 1 1/2.
(258) Somaliland Prot. 88.
(259) Sudan C16 used block.

(260) New Britain #42, 30, 32, 33 used or on cover.

(261) Salvador, 172, 212A, 260, O35, O42, O50, O57, O58, O60, O72, O78, O108, O109, O111, O112, O113, O114, O120, O121, O123, O124, O125, O126, O141, O142, O143, O144, O145, O146, O148, O159, O177A, O178, O179, O180, O181, O182, O183, O184, O185, O186, O187, O188, O189, O190, O191, O192, O193, O194, O196, O197, O200, O201, O202, O203, O204, O206, O207, O208, O212, O213, O214, O215, O216, O217, O218, O219, O220, O221, O222, O227, O228, O229, O232, O234, O237, O238, O240, O241, O242, O252, O259, O260, O329, O361.

(262) Costa Rica O15.
(263) Costa Rica, Guanacaste 10, 34, 51.
(264) Honduras O31, O65.
(265) Nicaragua O152, O204.
(266) Nicaragua, Zelaya 1L78.
(267) Nicaragua, Cabal Gracia Dias 2L65.
(268) S. W. Africa #33, mint pair.
(269) Philippines #445.

BEST DEALERS BAFFLED

One thing that this column is doing for us and can do for you if you are inclined to be interested and that is, to know what stamps are rare and what are not.

Here in this issue we print a list under (261) to (267) for a collector who wants the listed items and has made many efforts himself to locate the stamps. On our part we sent the list to two dealers who claim to be about the best in the country on Latin American issues and both returned the list with the information that the man was a customer and that this list was what was left after they had tried to fill it for him.

One of these dealers writes as follows: "This collector has probably sent this list to most U. S. dealers who claim to have a stock of Latin America. Dr. W. I. Mitchell, has a similar want list of Salvador after searching for the stamps for fifty years or more. Many of these stamps too low priced, I have never seen. It is my impression that many may exist in small quantities, perhaps one sheet having been surcharged and only a few copies being found and saved in collections."

There you have the story. Many in this list are perhaps as scarce as Cape of Good Hope Wood Blocks. Leastwise I could find you a Cape Wood Block quickly if you wanted one, but where are you going to find these stamps that Scott lists around a dollar each and the Capes list in the hundreds.

Reason, price depends on popularity and demand. The catalog reflects that more than rarity, so just remember that when looking over any collection.

We earnestly ask every reader, dealer or collector who can supply anything on this list to make offers. We feel that this column is showing what stamps are hard to get and that if catalog prices were put where they belong on stamps of this type that they would be dug out if in existence. In the past couple weeks we have refused some listings for

various reasons, one of which is failure to supply government addressed cards for notification. You have to help, thus relieve us of as much work as possible and make it more practical for us to continue this listing.

CALIFORNIANS
(Continued from page 1)

search displays will compete for the J. Elmer Zinsmeister Award—Mr. Zinsmeister is the editor of the SPA Journal.

Even the meter and cancellation collectors will have a cup of their own to shoot for. It has been provided by Stephen G. Rich, a national director of the society.

And the "home-staters" are not to be forgotten for a trophy exclusively for California competitors is announced for competition by the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies.

In keeping with the Centennial theme, the trophies which the California Collectors Club will present to the group winners will be especially designed and made of California redwood.

Those planning to make the San Francisco trip are going to include suits and Fall weight coats for the ladies and top coats for the men folks. San Francisco has always been known for its cool and crisp ocean breezes, and it will require clothing of that kind to combat them.

The entertainment committee has gone all out in providing interesting conducted visits to the many points of interest in the area.

Included are a tour of famed and colorful Fisherman's Wharf, plus an hour's boat ride on San Francisco Bay, a dinner dance to be held at one of the attractive dinner clubs across the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County. A complete tour of San Francisco by sight-seeing bus, including a trip on one of the world famous cable car lines, an evening guided tour of San Francisco's Chinatown (the largest in the world outside of the Orient), with visits to Chinese stores, theatres, temples, etc.

A fashion show will be conducted by The Emporium, one of San Francisco's leading department stores, and of course on Sunday afternoon there will be the Calpep Banquet.

A printed list of entertainment events, together with starting time place, and all necessary data will be available when visitors register.

General chairman of the Convention and Exhibition arrangements is Joseph M. Clary, 135 Polk St., San Francisco 2, Calif.

Hil F. Best of Detroit, Michigan is the president of the Society of Philatelic Americans.

Panagra Sends 20th Anniversary Covers

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These covers were mailed by Panagra to celebrate their 20th Anniversary and they bear a special handstamp which identifies them.

Besides the regular cancel at Santiago, dated July 21, 1949, the handstamp in a circle reads, "20th ANNIVERSARIO—CORREO AEREO" in outer circle and in the inner one, CHILE-ESTADOS UNIDOS—D E—U S A—PANAGRA with the dates 1929 over 1949 in the center.

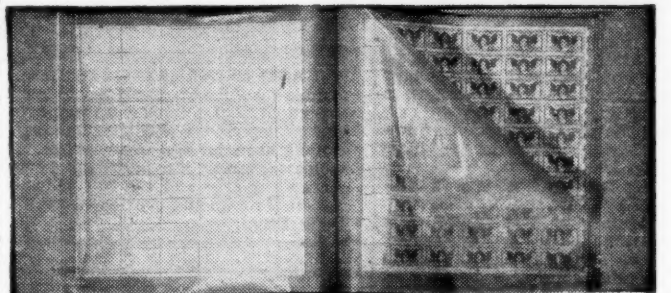
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Privately owned and operated Highway Post Office service will be inaugurated between Lexington and Fleming, Ky., on September 1, 1949, or shortly thereafter.

Special first-trip cachets and cancellation stamps will be provided for each of the above-named post offices. Collectors desiring first-trip cancellations should send their covers properly prepared, with postage prepaid and ready for mailing, to the postmaster at Lexington, Ky., for trip 1 cancellations, and to the postmaster at Fleming, Ky., for trip 2 cancellations.

A clear space not less than 2½ by 2½ inches to the left on the address side of all covers must be left for application of the cachets. The initial trip from Lexington to Fleming will be designated "Trip 1," and the initial trip from Fleming to Lexington will be designated "Trip 2."

Covers for the first-trip cancellations should be sent under cover, or wrapper, to the appropriate postmaster with accompanying letter, or endorsement on wrapping, authorizing the holding of the covers for the first-trip and requesting application of the cachet.

No provision will be made for point-to-point covers; however, at the request of collectors, covers receiving cachets will be directed to the outer terminus of the trip, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

All covers intended for first-trip cancellations should be in the hands of the appropriate postmasters at an early date, and not later than August 30, 1949.

Covers received after August 30, 1949, will be returned to sender and will not be given first-trip treatment.

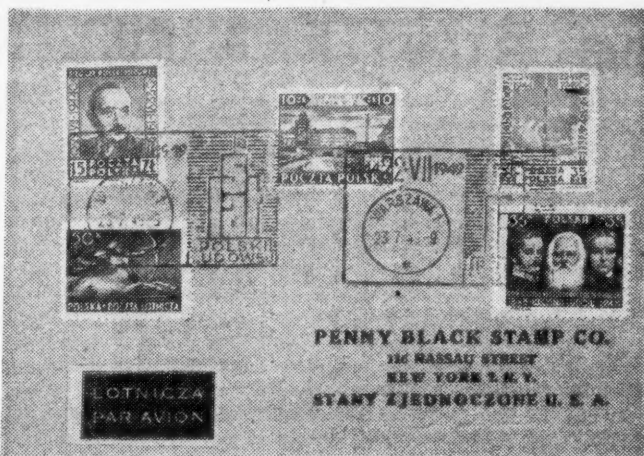
Philatelic Congress Prospectus Is Ready

Prospectus for the exhibition in connection with the Fifteenth American Philatelic Congress is now ready for interested persons. It is obtainable from Sam H. Cobb, 215 E. North Broadway, Columbus 2, Ohio.

It is to be held on the final three days of the Thanksgiving week end, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 25, 26 and 27 at the Neil House, Columbus, Ohio.

Sponsorship of the Congress is by the Columbus Philatelic Club, one of the largest and most active stamp clubs in Ohio. President of the group is George M. Devlin.

There will be eight classes of exhibits and of a nature to cover anything that might be offered for show.



POLAND CELEBRATED ITS DEMOCRACY with an issue of three stamps on July 23, inscribed to mark it as the fifth anniversary of the event. Dates on the stamps are "22-VII-1944" and "22-VII-1949." The postmark used on the first day was of an unusual variety and can be seen on the cover above. The stamps are a 15 zloty red violet picturing the president of the country, the 10z gray green pictures a city and the 35z pictures a radio aerial. The cover is shown through the courtesy of the Penny Black Stamp Co. of New York City.



BY KENNETH M. GIERHART
Baltimore, Ohio

DIGEST OF PRECANCEL WRITINGS

The P. S. S. Convention will be in full swing as you read this.—We wonder where it will be next year.—**COMMEMORATIVES.** Take it or leave it what you might have read. Old commemoratives were precancelled by favor too and not nearly the high percentage were actually postally used as one writer would lead you to think.

THEY DO make a beautiful collection and are a necessary evil for the SYNOPSIS collector but don't let any one kid you when he tells you only so many were used and these are undoubtedly the rarest ever etc. Just another commemorative. Probably ten percent were actually used without favor which to me is or should not be any point to disdain if you like the Beautiful and Symetric.

Other collectors save first day covers and covers with cachets on them and all are fixed up save the stamp itself with not much more official sanction than you would actually get from postal officials if they could speak and act their own mind in the matter of precancelling stamps. If you like com-

memoratives collect them by all means but don't claim you didn't know about them.

CONDITION. A, B, or C. A very nice layout devised by the publishers of the Bureau Print Catalog. "A" as you guessed is the best both as to the stamp and its cancellation. "B" is just a good stamp where the design does not touch on any side but might not be very well divided either vertically or horizontally. The cancellation must be average not split or otherwise odd looking. "C" Covers a multitude of sins as you might say. In fact, covers too much and could well be further subdivided or another classification added such as "D."

Perforations that just touch to those that cut well in the design, split cancellations, torn, straight edge, perf initialed and dated stamps all come within the "C" classification.

But it's still a wonderful idea and if an improved upon chart would be set up in the general field such as used in the Bureau Print field there would not be such hard feelings and the like between collectors and dealers when it comes to the matter of condition.—There is a writer who claims he mentioned to his readers about the 2c Bureau appearing, so now there are two of us.

Me too you know.

Joseph A. Plateau was shown on a single commemorative stamp which Belgium produced to mark the World Film and Fine Arts Festival at Brussels in 1947.

BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

by HENRY M. FRIEDMAN
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New York 24, N. Y.

SEYCHELLES: Some of the Philatelic periodicals recently announced that the Royal Silver Wedding stamps had again been placed on sale in the colony and could be obtained until August 11, 1949. The government of Seychelles now announce that the period during which these stamps were on sale in the colony was from November 11, 1948 to June 27, 1949.

PITCAIRN ISLANDS. The long delayed Silver Wedding stamps for Pitcairn Islands were placed on sale locally on August 1, 1949 and these stamps were available in London on August 2nd 1949.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS. The Silver Wedding Commemorative stamps for this colony will be placed on sale locally on August 29 on which date supplies will also be available in London. This will complete the silver wedding sets.

LEEWARD ISLANDS. The six new color changes from ½d. to 3d, previously announced have finally arrived in the United States. If the history of obsolete George VI stamps is repeated, it is suggested that the superceded stamps be bought now, before the customary advance in price.

KEDAH. There were two dies used to produce the "Sheaf of Rice" design used on stamps of Kedah. In die I, the right side of the sheaf shows projecting ears of rice which are not found on die II.

BRITISH GUIANA. The first stamps of this colony were issued in 1850 and have often been referred to as the "Cotton-reels." On July 1, 1850, these stamps were used for the first time and with prepayment of postage required, the values issued were 4c, 8c and 12c. The rate depending on the distance.

In 1851, a 2 cent stamp was added for local delivery. In order to prevent forgery each stamp had to be initialed by a postal official before being sold. There are many varieties of the different initials.

Covers with these early stamps are very rare, and one with a pair of the 2 cents was discovered in 1898 when it was donated to a church in need of funds. At that time, the cover sold for 200 Pounds, but was sold in 1934 for 1300 Pounds.

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